

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 164 - HB 1395

February 27, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004221): Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to provide foster parents of children 15 or older who have a valid driver license or learner's permit with a supplement of \$200 per month to compensate the foster parent for providing car insurance.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,291,200/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There are currently 669 females and 460 males between the ages of 15-19 in foster homes in Tennessee.
- In Tennessee, you must be at least 15 years of age to be issued a learner permit, and at least 16 years of age to be issued an intermediate driver license.
- This fiscal analysis assumes the following insurance rates:
 - 20 percent of 15-year-olds;
 - 25 percent of 16-year-olds;
 - 50 percent of 17-year-olds;
 - 60 percent of 18-year olds; and
 - 85 percent of 19-year olds.
- U.S. Census Bureau data on individual population estimates was utilized to break down the number of children in foster homes by age.

Age	Estimated Number in Foster Home	Percent Driving	Number Driving
15	225	20%	45
16	230	25%	58
17	235	50%	118
18	222	60%	133
19	217	85%	184
Total Driving			538

- Therefore, the total increase in state expenditures will be \$1,291,200 (538 x \$200 x 12 months) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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